schemes through mid-course corrections and better design of future programmes.

(d) The Planning Commission is making user of evaluation findings for assessment of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, improving performance through mid-course corrections and deciding their continuation in future.

**Projection of GDP growth rate**

1948. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 8 per cent growth in GDP is being proposed during the Tenth Five Year plan period; and

(b) if so, in what manner the growth can be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Approach paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) approved by the National Development Council on 1st September, 2001, it is proposed that the Tenth Plan should aim at an indicative target of 8% per annum GDP growth for the period 2002-2007.

(b) The Tenth Plan has not yet been formulated.

**Categorisation of States for financial assistance**

1949. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for placing a State in the special category for grant of financial assistance and other help;

(b) whether a review of the criteria is in progress;

(c) if so, the details of the specific areas of concern highlighted by different States being reviewed; and

(d) the States presently placed in the Special Category and those which are under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Special